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Rickets - Ringworm - &c

"This disease is known by a large head projecting forwards, swelling of the <sup>anterior</sup> knees, <sup>tumid</sup> legs, belly, and a general wasting of other parts of the body."

It made its first appearance in Eng<sup>d</sup> in the year 1620. It was a common disease in the reign of Charles II. - The deformity induced by <sup>it</sup> in the legs first introduced the use of boots to conceal that deformity. It is remarkable while dress induces some diseases, certain diseases induce certain dresses. Thus the plague induced led to hair powders - pimples to patches - Scrophula in the neck to <sup>poultice</sup> cravat neckcloths, and bandy legs to the use of boots. ~~It~~ & It was for a long while confined exclusively to the children of the nobility and gentry. It now prevails almost exclusively



✓ Others ascribe it to a deficiency of oil  
in the bones, and that too from a want  
of a sufficient quantity of oil in the  
Astringent. ~~A new~~



among the Children of poor people.

It ~~follows~~ generally makes it ap-  
-pear according to Sydenham immediately after  
the Intermitting fever. It likewise succeeds small  
pox, measles, & some Chronic Diseases. Is it  
a fever misplaced? - or translated to the  
bones? It is a rare disease at present com-  
-pared with former years? Is this owing  
to greater cleanliness - better diet, & warmer  
dresses - which have had similar effects in  
obviating the frequency of fevers from an  
impure Atmosphere?

The predisposition to this Disease is said  
to be occasioned by a defect of earthy matter  
in the bones. It is certain the Urine of  
persons who labour <sup>it</sup> under contains more  
earth than is natural to it. V

It is said to be induced by placing Child -  
- in



too soon over their feet. The success of  
is to be found in the fact that the  
children take of poor people, who are  
left to sit, or stand all day by their poor  
boards, and are seldom made to use their  
feet, or legs in standing.

The transition should be  
1. 1st: and other lifting exercises in which  
is attended with great muscular exertion.  
2. 2nd: and 3rd: of some kind of  
a change of air. This will be the most  
important if we suppose it to be a simple  
thing, and should form the basis of the  
in that case, they have it of course  
the whole body with state of - how it  
by mounting a staircase the the base of  
resulting uniformly to the nature of the  
and so on in various directions.



too soon on their feet. The reverse of this  
is true - hence we find it <sup>most common</sup> among ~~the~~  
Children ~~who~~ of poor people, ~~who~~ who are  
left to sit, or crawl all day by their poor  
parents, and are seldom made to use their  
feet, or legs in standing. —

The Remedies should be

1. Ves.: and other depleting remedies when it  
is attended with great morbid excitement.
2. Chalybeates - 3 Bark, 4 tonic Aliment 5  
a Change of Air. This will be the more ne-  
cessary if we suppose it to be a misplaced  
fever, and derived from the Atmosphere.

In Scotland, they cure it by anointing  
the whole body with <sup>fish</sup> Scate Oil - does it act  
by preventing a discharge thro' the <sup>pores</sup> bones of  
something necessary to the texture of the  
bones -? or does it convey the suppressed



& untaneous  
v I reject here all the explosive states  
of fever now formerly mentioned. -  
- They have as many names as  
the nosologists have given us species  
of fever. - I shall consider them  
as an Unit diversified in 4 forms  
by situation, figure, & degree.



deficient oily matter in them. I am  
unable to answer these questions. —

I have never <sup>had</sup> seen but one case of  
this disease under my care. — I have often  
seen its effects in the deformity of the limbs  
in Scotland. —

### of Cutaneous diseases & disorders

These complaints (so often neglected by  
Physicians) are highly important, & be-  
-cause they are often ~~also~~ connected  
with diseases of the whole body, & sometimes  
with parts essential to life in the first  
degree. &

2 Because ~~they~~ they are distressing to the  
persons affected by them, & offensive  
to their friends. v

The Before I proceed to treat of their  
different forms, I shall deliver the follow:



1 They are generally connected with the  
current or two little rivulets in the valley  
of the river.

2 They are often connected with a water  
course of the river or in the lower part of  
the valley.

3 They are often connected with a small  
stream of the river or in the lower part of  
the valley.

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stream of the river or in the lower part of  
the valley.

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stream of the river or in the lower part of  
the valley.

6 They are often connected with a small  
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the valley.



emarks. —

1 They are generally connected with too much or too little excitement in the whole system.

2 They are often connected with a vitiated state of the fluids or in the Venereal Disease, and perhaps the Scurvy.

3 They are often connected with a morbid state of the stomach, & alimentary canal. — Putrid fish ~~often~~ in the stomach often induces a temporary ~~discrete~~ efflorescence ~~on the skin~~ — and an Ail in the stomach often induces chronic eruptions on the skin. —

4 They are sometimes wholly unconnected with the state of a whole or a part of the system, or the state of the fluids, as



They sometimes disappear when on wo=  
men in pregnancy & return after  
parturition.



in the itch, and eruptions from local  
poisons. 5 Dr. Blane says they are sometimes cutaneous  
6 They are ~~primarily~~ <sup>hereditary</sup> family disease. ✓  
When disease affects the skin, it  
appears in the form of efflorescence. In this  
case it is temporary, except in the face. 2 in  
~~Dr. Blane~~ <sup>Dr. Blane</sup> says that which effuse serum, 3 in  
sores which secrete matter - from which 4  
are formed Scabs. - The proximate cause of  
them all is for morbid Action in the cuta-  
neous vessels or excretory glands. When they  
occur on the head, the <sup>places in which</sup> bulbs of the hair  
grow are affected by disease. For Cutaneous Eruptions

The Remedies should be carefully  
accommodated to all the above causes.  
- Our first inquiry should be, whether  
they have ensued, or alternated with  
any general disease, <sup>as the Gout,</sup> or a part of the whole system.  
- If they have, the Remedies should be  
directed to the cure of that disease of



+ with these Remedies certain Diet Drinks have  
been found useful. The ~~best~~<sup>best</sup> plethoric habits  
crude & boiled in water - a decoction of the woods,  
- &c have been found useful. They all act by  
promoting perspiration. In debilit<sup>d</sup> habits  
a decoction of perfolium, or Thoroughwort has  
performed great Cures. Dr. Syng says Oil &  
wine are excellent in such habits as a part  
of diet. I have known Anasarca to of a 9<sup>th</sup> his die.  
above all - our revolutionary winds - a salutary?  
✓ or if ~~it~~ it has affected Old people

\* ~~Fact~~ The difficulty of curing them  
arises chiefly from their affecting the  
Skin only. By diffusing them - we  
sometimes cure them. This is to be  
done by Vb. - strong purges & vomits, or  
artif<sup>d</sup> Diarrhoea - part of Leprosy in America.  
- and diuretics. Fact of sympathy  
of joints & kidneys.



which it is the Successor or Alternative.  
and these sh<sup>d</sup>. be depleting, or tonic according  
to the state of the System. A reg. diet, & an  
Animal diet has - each cured it - so have  
Purges, and Bark & the Cold Bath according as  
the ~~system~~ disease which induced it has been  
attended, with great, or weak morbid excitement.  
- If the disease of which it succeeds has  
been of long continuance, and has been  
seated in a part very essential to life  
as the <sup>brain</sup> head, or lungs - or to comfort, as  
the eyes & ears, <sup>the eruptions</sup> it should be approached  
with a trembling hand. Nor is it in an  
exposed part of the body, they should not  
be touched, and if they are, air if possible  
sh<sup>d</sup> be substituted for them.

If the disease be connected with  
morbid acidity in the Stomach, or any  
other Symptom of Dyspepsia, the Remedies







should first be directed to ~~and to~~ remove  
them. An Emetic should begin the cure,  
and afterwards tonics. I have lately heard  
of cutaneous eruptions of an obstinate  
nature being cured by <sup>Dr. Blane recommends it in</sup> veg: alk. <sup>alone</sup> also by  
Chalk - they both ~~emacat~~ acted by destroying

a morbid acid in the stomach. Mix<sup>r</sup> vit.  
<sup>has succeeded when all have failed</sup>

When the ~~same~~ eruptions are from  
a vitiated state of the fluids as in V disease &  
perhaps Scurvy, the Remedies ~~for~~ <sup>for</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~same~~ <sup>same</sup> ~~system~~ <sup>system</sup>  
for those diseases should be employed.

Even when the eruptions are from local &  
external Irritants as Itch, ~~for~~ bites of Insects &  
the state of the system should not be over-  
looked. They are I believe often <sup>by the common med.</sup> hard to cure, only  
from being accompanied with diseased action  
in the whole system.

In eruptions from all its causes,  
~~to the person~~ topical applications are proper,







(the cases formerly mentioned excepted) but  
they should be different according as they are  
attended with more <sup>or</sup> less pain; itching - or  
obvious inflammation.

1 In Cases of ~~the above~~ <sup>such as have been mentioned</sup>  
~~cases~~ excitement above, <sup>per</sup> the Remedies should be 1 Cold ~~But~~ Water.  
2 ~~Lead~~ many eruptions have been cured by  
this remedy. It <sup>acts</sup> by promoting Chamberlains, as  
well as abating morbid action. 2 <sup>Warm</sup> ~~Hot~~ Water.  
<sup>Dr Dehaen says he knows nothing superior to it</sup>  
2 Lead water. 3 Sweet Oil. 4 poultices of bread  
& milk.

Where the action is feeble, gentle Stimulants  
may be applied as 1 fasting Spittle. The  
Saliva of a Dog has performed great Cures by  
licking such eruptions. It is more active than  
the Saliva of other <sup>domestic</sup> animals, ~~from being~~  
~~impregnated with what is preservable matter.~~  
~~has~~ 3 Salt & water. a simple, cheap, but  
excellent remedy! 4 Purple - by giving tone to  
the vessels, it prevents their pouring forth their



12 Sticking plasters. <sup>to be brot in under legs</sup> Duaction of Walnut leaves also  
of Lobelia. and Digitalis.

3 ~~By~~ Holding a red hot iron to them, and af-  
-terwards covering them by pldgets dipped in  
Duaction of Bark. Suffer.

4 ~~By~~ By dirty wool burnt under ~~the~~ a fore.  
The smoke is both active & corrosive. In Albion

5 ~~By~~ Lime water. 17 Salt dissolved in Urine.

An Ulcer of 5 years standing was cured in D'Boer.  
-laure where a boy according to his Biographer  
Dr Hutchins. 16 fermenting poultice.

~~By~~ Change of Climate. Dr Cleghorn says Sores  
heal with great difficulty in Minnesota, & they  
have often been observed to be retrograde in cold,

~~By~~ wet weather in hospitals. Humbolt says they  
<sup>wound more from foul air in S. America - best treated or bleb</sup>  
7 ~~By~~ <sup>in early period.</sup> The ~~prolongation~~ of ~~the~~ Sores of all kinds &c

healed with great difficulty in those soldiers in  
the French Army who were dragged reluctantly  
from their families into the field.

13 # Charcoal powdered w hog lard, or water  
or Chalk & Sul Tur & Zij w water.

14 Staves ~~By~~ ~~By~~ Boiling water, and



morbid ~~secretion~~ excretions.

5 Equal parts of tar & hog lard.

6 An ointment prepared of verdigris - wax  
& Sweet oil.

7 ~~Unguentum~~ Ung<sup>m</sup>: Saturninum.

8 Com: Harewood: Remedy. viz: Citra  
alum & Zi Sulph Zi Hog lard qd to make  
them an ointment. 9 & Zi hog lard Zi mfr

10 Ung<sup>m</sup> Citrinum of the Shop. —

11 Comos: Sub: q<sup>n</sup> & Ag: Zi mfr to be  
applied to the parts affected. Afterwards  
the powder of Calomel every night.  
I have done more good with the ~~two~~ <sup>3</sup>

last Remedies, than with all the rest. ~~It~~  
12 Any Alkaline Bath. The matter discharged ~~it~~  
where they fail, the Article, and ~~be~~  
destroyed by a Blister & part of the true  
skin by the Arsenical solution. Every.

For Ulcers I refer you to Book of ~~Medicine~~  
Burns & over.



Brandy of each half a pint.

15 Hellebore (white) Ziv - or Ziv water 3/4 Brandy  
Tinct of Hellebore all: Ziv - or

• Burns

There has lately been a good deal of controversy  
upon the subject of the proper applications to  
recent burns. Turpentine, <sup>holding application of the part</sup> Ardent Spirits, and  
<sup>burned to the fire</sup> Cotton have lately become fashionable remedies  
in such cases. ~~For~~ They have done both good  
& harm according to the time in which they  
have been applied, and the nature of the burn.  
~~In recent~~ After the very burn there is  
~~some~~ debility, excitability and sometimes  
disorganization. now debility & excited?  
from a burn, like debility and excited from  
a wound, or any other cause always invite  
excited action <sup>to the part thus affected,</sup> for ~~disorder~~ the body abhors  
debility, as nature does a Vacuum. In a  
recent burn, before the system has time to  
react, and to throw excitement into the



I shall make a few remarks upon <sup>some</sup> ~~four~~ ~~several~~ of the different kinds of eruptions which require a specific treatment.

1 The prickly heat. It is a salutary disease in summer & in sickly seasons, & should never be repelled. It is a remittent fever on the skin.

2 Prurigo of Authors, or an itching of the skin: It is general, or partial. The general affects the arms & body. The partial, the palms of the hands - the soles of the feet - the anus - the <sup>& Vagina</sup> pudenda in females - & sometimes the glans penis in men. It is a distressing disease occasioning wakefulness, anxiety - fever, & a tendency to madness. The remedies for it are warm water - <sup>Infusion of Cortigueri</sup> cold water - low diet,



✓ I have lately met with a case of this  
Disease which resisted all the above remedies.  
~~It was~~ I advised a Blister near the part  
affected. On the day I directed it, a small  
bail arose on one of the labia pendenti  
which in a few days carried off the  
Disease. —

— Affected part, Temperature, ardent  
Spirits, and Cotton by their stimulus Obviate  
the debility and expend the ~~debility~~ <sup>excess</sup> excited  
induced by the virus, and thus prevent the  
attraction or determination of excrement  
that is Inflamed to it. The Cotton acts  
in two ways first by its <sup>mechanical & chemical</sup> stimulus being loose  
-posed of little veg: spicula, and a bitterish qua-  
-lity, and 2<sup>ly</sup> by confining the heat of the  
part affected. <sup>Dr. Baugins discovery.</sup> Recent Wounds are often  
kept from inflaming in the same



purges & V.S. In the Itching of the female  
pruritus V.S. <sup>or leeches</sup> have sometimes given in  
relief. After V.S. mercurial ointment or  
Ung: Citrissum may be applied to the  
part affected. The Itching in  $\frac{1}{4}$  arms  
is sometimes a symptom of Gout in  
which case it sh<sup>d</sup> ~~not~~ <sup>be treated with Caution.</sup> be cured. Dr

Lettsom mentions a Case of Death from  
an astringent remedy being applied to it.

— It sometimes occurs both in the  
Anus & Vagina from worms of the Ascaris  
— Dis Species. — Injections of Tobacco are  
the proper remedies in such Cases.

Herpes — or Fetter is a local  
disease confined to the hands — Arms  
legs & feet. All the above Remedies both  
general & local are proper in it. I  
have known this Disease go off of itself



— way, by pouring wine, spirits, and  
certain Balsams upon them, in con-  
—sequence of which they soon heal without  
pain, or much inflam<sup>n</sup>. — by even  
Contusions are prevented from inflam<sup>n</sup>.  
It dissipating by the similar means,  
that is rubbing the part injured with  
a dry hand, or by applying Vinegar &  
Salt to it. Electricity has sometimes had  
the same effect. They all act by restoring  
tone to the part injured, and dissipating  
its excitability. After inflam<sup>n</sup>. has taken  
place from a lacer<sup>n</sup> ~~and ulceration~~  
all the above remedies to be used by en-  
—creasing them. Unless they are applied in such  
force as to destroy the life of the part affected,  
in which case, they produce Ulcers, and  
sometimes Mortification. The Remedies after  
inflam<sup>n</sup>. has begun — the Ice Cold Air — or Water —  
and Water — poultices of bread & milk — and  
mild Cerates. The very strong is excellent.